

no confirmation of this, and the people here are doubtful of its truth.

Sidna Edwards was surprised by detectives Saturday. He was at his own moonshine still. He was almost surrounded before he was aware, and in his and in his haste to escape he accidentally stepped into a caldron of hot corn mash.

He was barefooted at the time, and the boiling mash burned his foot badly. His flight over the rough mountain country was hampered by this fact.

Clear, warm weather is helping the possses, drying up the mountain roads, reducing the size of the swollen creeks, and showing up anyone in the open with merciless clearness.

It is believed here that the Allens are entirely surrounded. This is because the mountain "wireless," the mysterious method by which news is circulated throughout the Virginian mountains, is almost stilled.

The authorities are taking other methods besides that of the "raiders" to cripple the Allens.

The officials of the Citizens' Bank of Carroll, in which nearly every one of the Allens has deposits, were notified today not to honor any checks or bills of sale against an Allen account.

This was done under an old Virginian law which grants heirs of murdered persons a lien of \$160,000 on the estates of the murderers.

Word was received here that Governor Mann has increased the

blood money on the head of each Allen from \$300 to \$500.

The report that Sidney Allen had been rounded up in his cabin, his wife killed, and he himself badly wounded and captured, has been proven false.

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\* **Where the Allen Clan Is Mak-** \*  
\* **ing a Last Stand Against** \*  
\* **the Law.** \*

\* On the top of a mountain of \*  
\* almost solid granite is Devil's \*  
\* Den. Here the Allens have \*  
\* gathered and are preparing to \*  
\* fight to the death against cap- \*  
\* ture. \*

\* The "den" is a wide cave. \*  
\* There is a mountain spring in \*  
\* it. Fifty persons could live \*  
\* comfortably in the cave. At \*  
\* Hillsville it is said that the \*  
\* cave is stocked with food. \*

\* On two sides of the cave are \*  
\* sheer cliffs, from 50 to 100 feet \*  
\* high. It would be impossible \*  
\* to climb them. \*

\* The other two sides are \*  
\* steep, mountainous paths, \*  
\* winding through huge bould- \*  
\* ers. There is no vegetation. \*  
\* Anyone climbing the paths is \*  
\* in plain sight from Devil's \*  
\* Den most of the way. \*

\* The men of the mountains \*  
\* say that one man, with two \*  
\* rifles and plenty of ammuni- \*  
\* tion, could kill off any attack- \*  
\* ing force without showing \*  
\* enough of his body for a fly \*  
\* to light on. \*

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Queer how a girl can brighten  
a young man's life simply by  
turning down the light.